

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the Town of Whately has received a \$75,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

Last month, Rep. Olver wrote to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno asking for her support in applying for the grant.

Community policing is reducing crime and restoring hope in neighborhoods across the country, Rep. Olver said.

COPS grants provide funding for 75% of the total salary and benefits of each officer hired for the program.

Community policing is a strategy that uses partnerships between local law enforcement officers and the community to solve problems.

To date, the COPS Program has funded more than 100,000 officers. President Clinton and Congress have authorized \$1.5 billion for the program.

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